

HB 4093 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Adds a residual clause to the existing exception from solid waste regulation for wood residue in order to capture any wood residue that has value to its generator or a purchaser. Clarifies applicability of exception.

Fiscal Impact: No statement yet issued.

Revenue Impact: No statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Adds a residual clause to the existing exception from solid waste regulation for wood residue in order to capture any wood residue that is used by a generator of the wood as a commercial product or as a raw material to produce a commercial product; or is purchased from or exchanged by the generator for fair market value and is used as a commercial product or as a raw material to produce a commercial product.

BACKGROUND:

Processing lumber products can generate a certain amount of wood residue, or wood "waste" material. Wood residue can be converted into useful byproducts such pellets and bricks for heating, pulp and paper products, and composites like particle board. Unused wood residue may also be incinerated. Oregon currently exempts uncontaminated, appropriately permitted wood residue from being regulated as a solid waste if it is combusted as fuel by its generator, or purchased at fair market value and then combusted as fuel.

House Bill 4093 broadens and clarifies the applicability of the exception for wood residue, from regulations governing solid wastes, to include all wood residue that has value to its generator or a purchaser.